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A Full and true Account of the Execution of ſeveral perſons condemn'd by the Inquiſition at Portugal, and of a damage done by a wonderful Tempeſt that lately happen'd there; and alſo a very true relation of the death of the Engliſh Dancing Mare, and how ſhe was there burn'd to Death for an Heretick.

April 30. 1697.

NOt long ſince a great *Auto da Fe* was ſolemniz'd, with the Execution of ſeveral perſons condemn'd by the Inquiſition. his Act began, as is cuſtomary, with a Proceſſion, where appear'd irty ſix men, and forty ſeven women: after which were carried bones of a woman, who choſe rather to dye in Priſon, than be Spectatrix of that horrid ſight. After this they burnt ſix men nd ight women, together with the Effigies of four men that had ſcap'd out of the hands of the Inquiſitors.

Now, pray obſerve what enſued; A little time after *Portugal* lt ſo long and furious a Tempeſt as has not been known in that *ountrey* for a long time. Several Barks were caſt away in the River of *Lisbon*, with all their men: and three Veſſels laden for the North, were ſunk in the Harbour of the *City* of *Porto*. The ates of the *Cathedral* of that *City* were forced open, and the *Church* it ſelf was within a little of being overturned to the Ground. In the Province of *Eſtremadura*, beſides other misfortunes, above three thouſand Olive-Trees were rum'd up by the Roots, within the compaſs of a ſmall part of that Countrey

The *Auto da Fe* ſo lately put in Execution in *Portugal*, is not ſo remarkable as one that was ſolemniz'd ſome time ſince. For beſides ſeveral perſons of both Sexes that were then burnt, they likewiſe burnt an Engliſh *Mare*, that had been ſhewn about all over *Europe*, having been taught to tell what a clock it was, by counting the number of the hour, upon ſhewing her a Watch, with ſeveral other Apiſh Tricks of the ſame Nature, which are eaſily

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taught those Creatures, without the help of Magick. Nevertheless, for those little Tricks, the simple Inquisitors were so foolish as to take her for a Witch, and it cost her her Life. For as such a one they seiz'd her, clapt her up in one of their Prisons, put her in Irons, and in the next *Auto da Fé*, led her in Procession, and then burnt her. Many People were earnest Solicitors for her pardon, but all in vain. An old Inquisitor made Answer, That though the Mare was no Witch, yet she deserv'd to be burnt, because she was a Lutheran. Perhaps this Story may have been embellish'd; but it is as likely that it may be true; for the most part of the Inquisitors are as Ignorant as they are Cruel and Savage. We have lately seen a Horse that did the same Tricks as the Mare; but I advise the Master not to expose his Horse at *Lisbon*.

Paris, *April* 26. The Troops which winter'd in *Province* an *Dauphine* are marching for *Catalonia*; so that the Campaign likely to be very hot on that side. We are preparing Vessels a *Thoulon* to carry Provisions thither, and arming 30 Gallies at *Marseilles*, to Guard the Convoys, and make our selves Masters of th Sea. The Musqueteers and Guard *du Corps* are not to serve o the *Rhine*, as 'twas said, but in *Flanders*. Two *Spanish*, and o *Portuguise* Ship are lately brought into *Nants* & *Rochel*; the latt being laden for the *Hamborough* Merchants. On the 13th 3 Priz were brought into *Dunkirk*, one with Barley, another with Nav Stores and a third with Tobacco and Lead. The Count *de La* one of our Mareschals *de Camp*, who hath been 48 Years in Service, is lately dead here.

Spalatro in *Dalmatia March* 30. The *Turkish* Troops in th march from *Albania* to *Hungary*, made an Incursion into our Frontiers about *Cettina*, and carried off many Cattle; but were pursued by the *Morlaques*, who killed and took many of them, and recovered the Booty.

Dunkirk April 20. Since the Allies posted themselves at *Deynse*, some Regiments are sent hence, and from other Places, to form a Flying Camp about *Knock*. It's said, that Captain *John de Bart* is to put to Sea about the first of *May*, with 15 or 16 Privateers, which are ready to Sail.

Hague, *April* 30. On the 28th, the States General assembled; and at the same time, some of the Plenipotentiaries were in Conference. Those of the Emperor, *Spain*, *Sweden* and this State, had yesterday a Conference with Monsieur *Heinsius* the Pensionary of *Holland*; after which the Congress met and continued till Three in the Afternoon, the Letters my Lord *Villers*, and the States received from *England*, being communicated to them. The death of the K of *Sweden*, is an incident which is like to retard the opening of the General Treaty; yet its not doubted but that Crown will continue to be Mediatrix of the Peace.